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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

# Dear Secretary:

I am writing in support of KALW and sincerely hope you renew their broadcasting license. When I listen to the radio for news it is KALW that I listen to and my clock alarm is set to it so I start my day with them.

I started listening to KALW around 1989 (the time of the fall of the Berlin wall), got hooked by their excellent coverage of the breakup of the Soviet Union and have been an avid listener ever since.

I would very much appreciate your support for the renewal of their license.

Sincerely,

John M. Parker

73 Commonwealth Ave.

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San Francisco, CA 94118

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Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA

MB Docket No. 04-191

## Dear Secretary:

We have been avid listeners of KALW for at least 5 years. It is the news in my family. We feel the content is fair and unbiased and it allows us the right to think for ourselves and make calculated decisions. Do not suspend the programming, it would impede our right to free speech and be terribly un-American. Pleas renew their license.

Sincerely,

Kathleen & Craig Fonarow 35 Brookside Drive

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Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

I have been a dedicated listener and contributing member of KALW FM in San Francisco, California for the past ten years.

I urge you to renew KALW's broadcasting license, and allow them to continue providing the Bay Area with thoughtful, objective, and excellent programming. KALW is a true treasure in our community.

Sincerely,

Kerstin M. Anderson, Architect 915 Pardee Street Bekeley, CA 94710

# Docket #04-19/

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Secretary, FCC 445 Twelfth J., SW Washington DC 20554 L. Wigham 31 Bennington St. Santranciscold 9411

Dem Sir/madam, I am writing in support of license renewal for radio station KALW (docket # 64-191) I've been listening to This States for 20 years 1 1 love it. The station is small, flexible, responsive to community needs, & has great programs, unique programs. And Rey do it all on a shoesting. They are the model of what a public adostation should be 4 I would be very sad if it went of reair. Thank you for anything you cando, Sincerly 1 Laurel Wigham.



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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA

MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

I am writing to voice my strong support for renewing KALW radio's license. If the FCC denies the renewal, you will be doing a great disservice to our community.

I have been a KALW listener since 1988 and a member/supporter for many of those years. I listen for many hours each day. I have heard this station grow stronger and more diverse over time. KALW provides local programming and discussion forums that are heard nowhere else in the Bay Area. In addition, this station provides not only NPR shows but international news and cultural programming that I (and many other listeners) find extremely valuable.

KALW is the oldest FM radio station west of the Mississippi. Please do the right thing and renew its license. In doing so, you will be supporting the continuing operation of one of the few truly local, community-oriented radio stations left in this country.

By copy of this letter, I urge my elected representatives to add their voices to the thousands of Bay Area radio listeners who rely on the resources provided by KALW.

Laura McCamv

Sincerely,

Emeryville, California



C: Representative Barbara Lee

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1301 Clay Street
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Oakland, CA 94612

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Senator Dianne Feinstein United States Senate One Post Street, Suite 2450 San Francisco, CA 94104 Paul Feinstein 1333 Peralta Ave. Berkeley, CA 94702

FCC Secretary 445 Twelfth St.SW Washington, D.C. 20554



04-19/

#### Gentlemen:

I am writing in response to the current status of the license for radio station KALW in San Francisco, California. I have been a listener to this station for over 30 years and it is the most well balanced news and information source in the Bay Area. I have worked and been affiliated with many Public Broadcasting radio stations over the years, and KALW is the best station and the most valuable to the community. They provide far more service to the community than many stations with significantly larger budgets and broadcasting power.

The management, staff and volunteers who work at the station are the most professional and a credit to the whole enterprise of public awareness and information.

It is vital that this station continues to serve the community as it is currently structured.'

Regards,

Paul Feinstein

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

It is my understanding that technical errors were made in filing KALW's FCC paperwork. Having watched KALW's management through several iterations, volunteered during fundraising, and listened for twenty years, I can tell you that the mistakes were <u>only</u> technical—there has been no intent to obfuscate or mislead the FCC. There has been no attempt to promote a political agenda. There has been no attempt by the station managers or the San Francisco Unified School District to enrich or illegitimately empower themselves.

KALW FM provides an indispensable ecclectic radio voice for the San Francisco Bay Area and access to school board meetings for any citizen of San Francisco with a radio. I say this despite actively disliking several programs. An <u>innocent</u>, <u>technical</u> mistake should not prevent renewal of the license nor incur a fine which would hurt the station's finances and which is certainly intended as a deterrent and penalty for deliberate and malicious violations of law.

PLEASE renew KALW FM's license without penalty!

Sincerely,

Fred Albrecht, Jr.

PO Box 8072

Emeryville, CA 94662-0072



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Tom McManus 319 London Street San Francisco, CA 94112 415 469 5461 tom mcmanus sf@att.net

June 22, 2005

Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, D.C.

Re: KALW (FM), San Francisco, CA, M.B. Docket # 04-191

Dear Secretary,

I urge you to allow radio station KALW to retain its license.

KALW is the station I listen all the time, and I have been a listener and supporter for over ten years. The mix of information and music available on KALW from local, national, and international sources really is quite unique and many programs are available no where else. It clearly is "my station" and it would be very upsetting to me to lose it.

Thank-you,

Tom McManus

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: KALW (FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary,

I am writing you concerning the license of KALW. I have been an avid listener of this San Francisco based FM station for over ten years. I find the quality of its programming far superior to any other public radio station in the Bay Area. Its blend of local and international news, extraordinary music programming, and thoughtful cultural talk shows and interviews, much of it provided by a volunteer staff, is a rare and unique pleasure. Local programs produced by this station include Philosophy Talk, Tangents, and Your Call. Where else can one hear an hour discussion of Aristotle, followed by an interview with a member of Congress, and capped off with a selection of music from across the world? I could go on and on about the valuable perspective gained by listening to the BBC or the Canadian broadcast of As It Happens, a show that is only available in the Bay Area on KALW.

As I understand it the origin of this latest review of KALW license stems from a very old complaint from some disgruntled workers and has nothing to do with the current quality programming found on KALW or its existing staff. I assure you that the vast majority of KALW members and listeners and indeed themajority of San Francisco residents support the continued operation of KALW. Please, please do not take this valuable resource away.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Upjohn

901 Fell Street Apt. #17

San Francisco, CA.

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June 24, 2005

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

I've been listening to KALW for 10 years now. I find this radio station to be a support for our community here in San Francisco. To me it is a very important door to our world. Through this radio station I've not only been kept informed, but also I learn and I've been and I am to this day entertained and amused. I listen to KALW and their varied programming through out the day. To shut down this great local radio station would be a major loss for our San Francisco community.

I hope that our voices will be heard and that the broadcast license be renewed without any hesitation.

Sincerely,

275 Grand View Ave. # 102

San Francisco, CA 94114

June 27, 2005

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington D.C. 20554

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Re: MB Docket 04-1819, Station KALW (FM), San Francisco

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Dear Sir or Mam,

This is to request that you renew Station KALW FM's license to broadcast.

I have been a listener of KALW FM for over 30 years and would sorely miss its thought provoking programming if it ceased broadcasting.

I especially appreciate the following shows which KALW FM provides me: "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered," "As It Happens," "Alternative Radio," "To the Best of Our Knowledge," "Philosophy Talk," "This American life," "Car Talk," "Fresh Air," and "The Motley Fool Business Show."

I am retired and I'm at my home most of the day. KALW FM is my "life blood," No other station in the San Francisco Bay area comes close to it for quality programming.

Please renew KALW FM's license to broadcast.

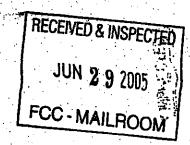
Sincerely

Alan Holmes

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San Carlos, CA 94070-4538

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### To whom it may concem:

Recently it has come to our attention that the renewal of 91.7 KALW's broadcast has been challenged. We are writing to express our support for the station and to request that you renew the station's license.

Since we moved to the Bay Area six years ago, KALW has been a valuable resource of news and information for us. The station provides unique programming and perspectives that we greatly value as a means of keeping informed about local, national, and world events. As commuters, the station has been a lifeline during hours spent on the highway.

Please renew KALW's broadcast license.

Sincerely,

Linda and Lee Solon 25 Ulloa Street San Francisco, CA 94127

cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC

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1494 Wessex Ave. Los Altos, CA 94025 June 21, 2005

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Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

## Dear Secretary:

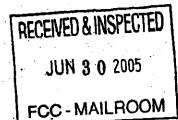
I'm writing in suppport of KALW-FM in San Francisco.

I've been listening to KALW for approximately 12 years. I rely on them for access to NPR programs like "Morning Edition," "Jim Hightower," "Car Talk," etc. KALW uniquely gives me access to other programs that I enjoy: "Tavis Smiley," "Philosophy Talk," BBC World News, "As it Happens," and others.

KALW and the programming they provide brings unique perspectives and information into my life. Please renew their license.

Sincerely,

Ann Hepenstal



Helena Cohen 11105 La Paloma Drive Cupertino, CA 95014

June 24, 2005

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

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Dear Secretary:

I have listened to KALW since moving to California seventeen years ago and feel that cutting funds to this radio station, and indeed all public radio and TV stations, would be an injustice. This country was founded on the principals of free speech and divesity, both of which are reflected in this station's programming. Preserving intelligent, intellectual broadcasting is fundamental to the fabric of this country. So much has been destroyed by allowing media to devolve to the lowest common denominator, "seduced" by the promise and delivery of money from advertising and special interest groups.

Don't let this happen to KALW and other public radio and TV stations!

Sincerely,

Helena Cohen

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

I am a daily listener to KALW-FM in San Francisco and have been a member and supporter of the station for some thirty years. I am also a long-time board member of the NPR Foundation, a member of the NPR Board Audit Committee, and the chairman of the board of KRCB, a community public radio and TV station in Rohnert Park, California.

I believe that the value to the listening public of KALW is great and that the contribution of the station's unique voice in the San Francisco Bay Area is irreplaceable. It would be a true loss to the listening public if this station's license were to be terminated.

Accordingly, I support the station completely in the present proceeding and urge that you continue KALW's broadcast license.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Paul M. Ginsburg

Box 1774

Ross, CA 94957



June 27, 2005

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

## Dear Secretary:

I have been a KALW listener for the past 25 years. KALW fm is a valuable community resource and one of the best radio stations I have ever heard. There are many commercial stations in the Bay Area who could disappear and easily be replaced. But not KALW. Because it is public; because it has a tradition of high quality programming; because it is managed and staffed by people who care about producing good radio for the public, and because it does not cater to "bottom line" considerations, KALW provides an eclectic variety of high quality, non-commercial, local, national, and international news and culture programs.

The San Francisco Bay Area is blessed with several good public radio stations, but KALW is unique in that it not only broadcasts NPR and PRI shows (in addition to many other fine local and national programs) but also BBC and CBC news programs, which gives Bay Area listeners a choice of independent public news sources and consequently, a nuanced view of national and world events. I think that the unique mix of news and public affairs programming KALW offers sets a standard that other stations would do well to meet. KALW does a fine job of educating and informing its listeners, which enables us to understand local, state, national and international issues. This kind of radio allows Bay Area residents' informed participation in our democracy at all levels.

I also very much enjoy the variety of music programs that are carried by KALW. The quality of my life would be so much poorer (and I would be personally devastated) were I not able to tune in to the station on Saturday afternoons year 'round and hear the rich tapestry of American





and international folk music KALW offers. This programming is only available in the San Francisco Bay Area on KALW.

KALW offers other programs that are not available elsewhere in Bay Area radio: for example, an hour devoted to a discussion of philosophy; 2 hours a week by an African American who broadcasts a nationally syndicated show that features unique guests and topics creatively and enjoyably explored from the African-Amercan perspective; and KALW is ramping up a local news department that will create original programs to better serve and inform local listners.

Our public airwaves and the public itself would be ill-served if KALW's programming were to be radically altered or replaced by a successful license challenge. Because of KALW's continuing commitment to providing our community with the highest quality news and culture programming, I believe that the license challenge should be rejected, and KALW should continue to be operated by the San Francisco Unified School District, as a vote of confidence in their responsible stewardship of the broadasting done on the 91.7 fm frequency in the Bay Area.

Please listen to devoted KALW listeners like me; think of the great loss in radio programming our community would suffer if KALW in its current form were to be shut down; so make the correct decision and reject the unwarranted license challenge directed against KALW. Thank you!

Sincerely,

**Art Persyko** 

2190 Washington Street, # 608 San Francisco, California, 94109

cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.